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ITS RISE AND PRESENT PERIL.

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[BY HELEN BULLITT LOWRY.]

Rumour has been about the vogue for Mah Jong is on the wane. Rumour has even had it that Mah Jong is about to return to China, whence it hailed from, to take up its venerable life again far east of Suez. Rumour has indicated that the life of our missionaries in the "foreign field" is at last to be allowed to return to normalcy—without the embarrassment of their having to explain away the passion for China's own private gambling game in Christian Endeavour America.

The following report is the result of an attempt to check up on these rumours. The finding is by no means uncontroversial—it might be phrased: "Yes and No." Mah Jong is by no means done for—yet the game is in peril.

The thing runs, paradoxically this way:—

The vogue of the Mah Jong craze has admittedly passed its crest. Yet there are more people playing Mah Jong today than there were a year ago, when the rage was hottest. The old bridge habits and the cold-blooded society bridge gamblers have definitely returned to the ways of their fathers. This particularly applies to the Eastern seaboard, where the craze has had a year of it to run its course. But meanwhile an entirely new world of players has been called into being—made up of the sociable folk who are interested primarily in the "party" instead of in the scientific play or in the gaming—the brand of chatty beings who have been out of their element ever since the Right and Left Bower were ostracized from good society.

This year those who do not want to play Mah Jong no longer have to play to keep up Mah Jong appearances. It is no longer the "thing to do." Instead, it is now the thing one does, if one wants to do it. Mah Jong has passed out of its incense-burning period—its In-Chinese-Costume charity bazaar epoch. One no longer feels deliciously Oriental when uttering Chows and Pungs. Instead, the time has come when the game has got to make good as a way to spend the evening. It has definitely passed beyond its bijou period.

Witness the recent decks of Mah Jong to be had at Woolworth's. So are \$4.95 near-ivory sets prevalent at department stores. Two-dollar-and-a-half sets are syndicated in chain drug stores. There, alone, is indication enough that the purely fashionable period of Mah Jong has passed. Therein lies its present strength. Therein, too, lies the peril. Which the commercial interests behind the game have brought upon it.

Those shadowy commercial interests behind the game and the social fortunes of the game itself are, in truth, inextricably interwoven—nor can one understand the dramatic story of its brilliant social fortune and of its present social hazards without realizing also the tale of its commercial backing.

In the East the story carries us. Standard Oil business took J. P. Babcock into China and the region about Shanghai, where Mah Jong is the indigenous game alike of mandarins and coolies.

Babcock's first move—at least this is the way Oriental gossips tell the story—was to introduce the native game into the American Club at Shanghai, thereby creating a demand in the smart American Colony frequented by our naval officers. Having created the demand, he thrifflily set about the business of supplying it. This next step necessitated the diplomatic achievement of getting Chinese sets translated into English.

And it was only after vast Confucian difficulties that he prevailed upon the native workmen to engrave S.N.E. and W. upon their native winds and Occidental numerals upon the dots, bams and cracks. Next he invented the name of Mah Jong and the handy titles of Chow, Pung and Woo. Then he got his invention patented.

That much achieved, one doubts if any influence save the will of Buddha could have accomplished the next step. Mysterious currents which produce a fashion are matters which even the courtiers of Paris have not solved completely. There might have been many a slip between the puzzled Chinese craftsman, carving mysterious N. and S. symbols and the famous Spring of 1923, when Long Island, the ultimate centre of our American social life, should be turned over to the Mah Jong dynasty, and when every show girl of Lure would possess a Pekingese as her tribute to the Mah Jong period of our American civilization.

Only there wasn't that ship. By reason of the American naval officers Mah Jong made the necessary jump across the Pacific and established itself in the smartest society of San Francisco. True, the Chinese version of Mah Jong had been played for a generation in the smart kitchens of the town, where many a month's wages had changed hands over the tiles. That was a mere detail. Smart San Francisco had not discovered Mah Jong. The \$100 and \$200 English-speaking sets on the market were just the commercial impetus needed. From the Golden Gate Mah Jong jumped the continent at once and established itself on the Eastern seaboard.

From this point on—minister isn't exactly the right word, "synthetic" that's it—influences behind the game began to be realized. Society editors of the metropolitan sheets say that social pressure began to be felt from a dozen sources. The type of persons who have the reputation of commercializing their social position to mitigate the high cost of living were very much on the job.

So, too, were the serious "authorities" on auction bridge on the job. They straightway set themselves the task of becoming authorities on Mah Jong, and then issued their own "authoritative" textbooks on the subject. Also other persons who had never been authorities on any game suddenly announced themselves the final arbiters on Mah Jong—and likewise issued \$2 books on its technique.

Nor were these the only commercial by-products of the game. Teachers with social backing sprang up over night, as did the tango and turkey trot teachers twelve years ago in our early Vernon Castle period. Each of these teachers, whether in New York or Washington or San Francisco society, promptly began teaching her own private methods—one she might have "developed" the night before. After five lessons each pupil of each teacher was ready in her turn to hang out her shingle. After five lessons more each pupil of each just-taught-teacher was ready to hang out her shingle, too, all of whom disseminating an Oriental and eternal verities their personal, over-night conclusions.

Meanwhile, the fashionable hotels opened Mah Jong rooms (hastily interiorly decorated in red lacquer and incense burners), where lessons could be had—for a consideration. One dog kennel concern, to my knowledge, cabled over to China for a shipment of pugs that had not been saleable in this country since 1890. Overnight a Mah Jong magazine sprang into being, with salaried editors and writers and advertising columns.

Thus boomed the by-product business throughout 1922 and 1923, stimulating things socially wherever it could get a look in.

All this while the actual industrial forces were gathering. Two hundred importing firms were developing their Mah Jong branches—many of them fly-by-night concerns, hastily capitalized for the purpose. In round numbers \$1,500,000 worth of sets were imported in 1923. But that wasn't all. Four factories, three of them in New England and one in New York, poured out ivory tiles. Across the water Germany and Austria chimed into the international anthem, until to-day the best cheap sets are coming from those two countries.

All in all, the capital invested in this fad runs high into the millions. If not a Senatorial lobby—at any rate a well-organized social lobby—was inevitable. Where the vogue for auction bridge had been the product of slow, unstimulated evolution, the craze for Mah Jong has certainly occurred more in accordance with Mr. Bayan's ideas on biology.

Chaos has been the result instead of cosmos. That's one of the real reasons why Mah Jong is up against it to-day, having to prove itself as a good game, instead of resting snugly on the crest of fashion. This defect can be traced back to its synthetic American creation. In the first place, the rules of the game that Babcock issued hardly scratched the surface of the scientific Chinese game as it has been handed down from century to century and generation to generation. Rather, he adopted the game to his own idea of Occidental taste, simplifying the occult art just enough to make it assimilable on a first try-out. That was Babcock's personal contribution to the chaos.

We now come to the part played by the other 200 importers. They entered the field with a patented name already in existence. But the ancient game itself and its jewel-like tiles could no more be copyrighted than could a deck of cards. Mah Duke, Mah Cheuk, Mah Chang, Pung Chow were launched, also half a dozen fuses of litigation. Each of these importers, too, was employing his own Chinese authorities and interpreters, who threw together quite a different set of simplified Oriental rulings. All of these commercial complications added to the chaos already in existence by reason of the borders of self-made authorities.

So it has come about that society to-day is split into a dozen warring camps. The society folk of Washington can't play without warfare with the society folk of Baltimore. Nay more, each city is divided up into a dozen quarrelling cliques that find that they cannot play with each other in peace, because this clique plays by Babcock and that clique by Foster. If there is one stranger in the crowd, the rules of warfare have to be discussed beforehand as meticulously as rulings of The Hague Tribunal were supposed to be discussed.

In the interest of haste and simplicity in America a quick-moving, high score game has been developed. In China the slow-moving, scientific game of blocking opponents' hands has been the method of play throughout the ages. The American game depends more upon the element of chance. The Chinese game can be controlled by skill. The high score game technique was a thing that could be acquired in a month. But the subtle offensive and defensive Chinese game was the product of years of intensive study and practice and centuries of poker face.

Mah Jong is now paying the price for that insolent compromise with the traditions of the centuries. The very persons who took it up so excitedly just a year ago, are now quite frankly tired of its easy thrills. The people who were bridge habitués before are bridge habitués again.

There is that third great danger as well that menaces the game. I mean the actual democratizing of it. Mah Jong is no longer the exclusive plaything of the rich, as it was when a set called for the expenditure of \$100. In the Summer and Fall of 1923 a gigantic commercial drive was launched by the manufacturers and importers of medium-priced sets.

From east to west and from north to south the democratic drive took its department store way. Itinerant demonstrators "played" Milwaukee and Kansas City, St. Paul and Des Moines and Chattanooga. In plate-glass show windows of department stores they set up their stage business. Two little Chinese maids in native costume could there be seen playing with a \$25 set against a background of lacquer—the all-too-familiar Hollywood version of the East and its sins and its mysteries. While, inside the store, a Mah Jong instructor, also in costume, gave gratuitous instruction to all who came inquiring—whether they purchased a set or whether they didn't.

So Mah Jong came into the possession of the great common people, of whom the Lord in His infinite wisdom (or carelessness) made so many. To-day the (Continued on next Column.)

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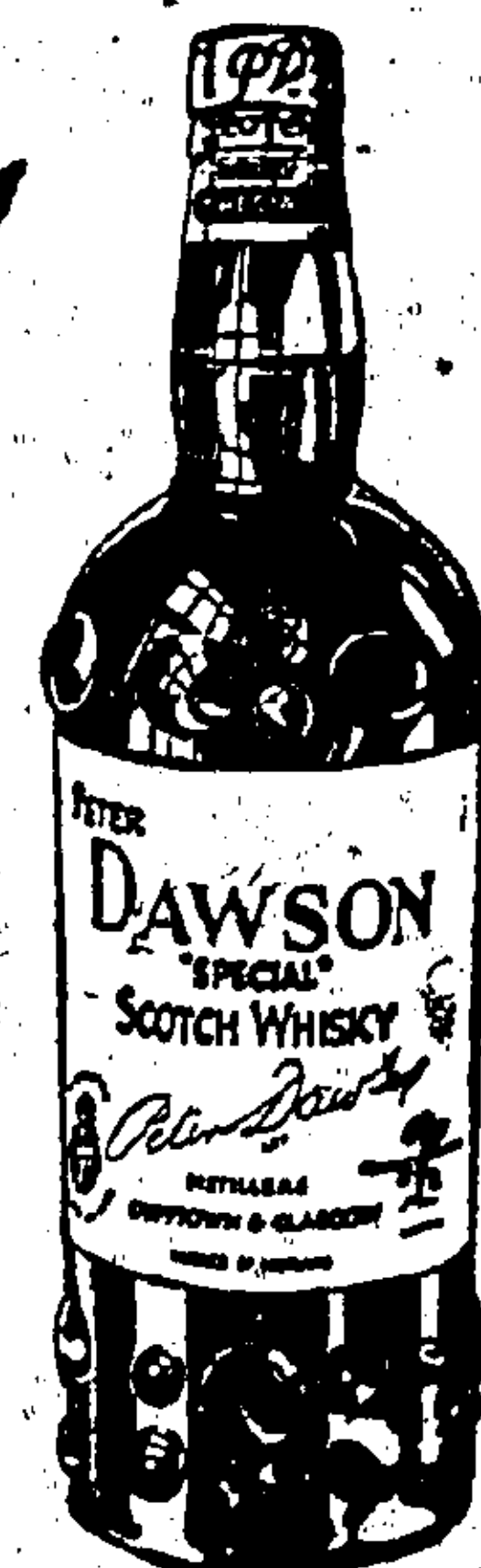
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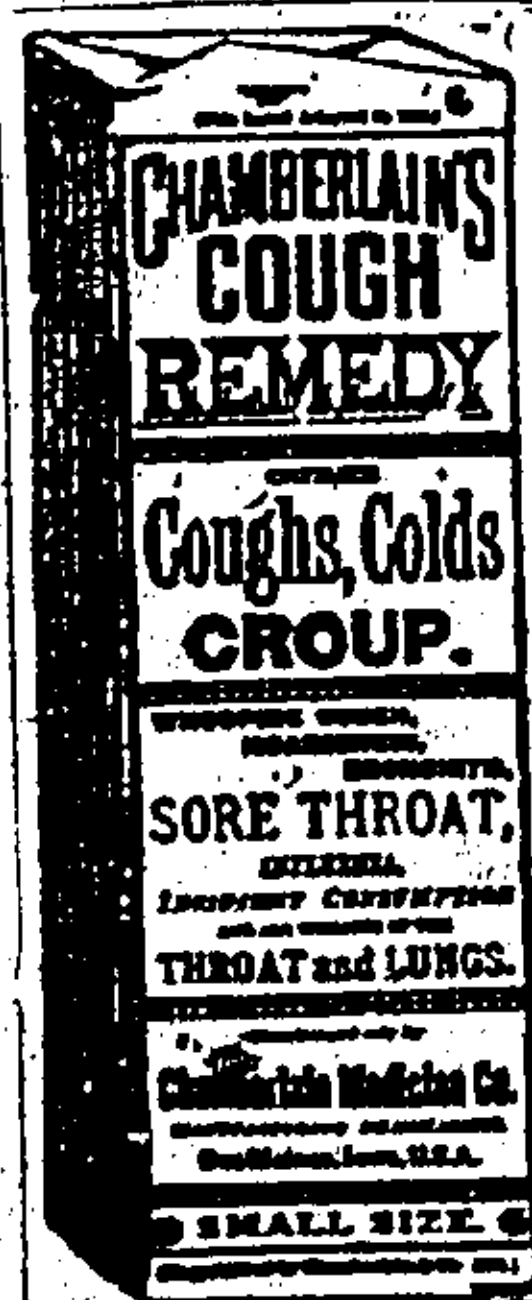
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THE SILVER MARKET.

Reporting from London on August 28th. Messrs. Samuel Montagu & Co.

The market is still affected by the fairly violent fluctuations of the U.S. exchange, not however in a direct degree. That is to say, the price cannot be depended upon to go down necessarily with each movement of sterling depreciation, or vice versa. The position is that the market keeps unsettled, and the movements of the price are determined by the speculative views of operators. For instance, a considerable business has arisen from China, whence, on the same day, buying and selling orders have come to hand. The market really consists mostly of speculative deals, governed by the various views held as to the future of the U.S. exchange. The Continent has again bought considerably, though sales have also come from that quarter. America is not a free seller (doubtless for reasons indicated in the succeeding paragraph) and the tone of the market, apart from the tendency of the price to vacillate, continues sound.

The following extract is from the *New York Commercial*:—

"The Webb-Pomerene law prohibits any export association formed under it from 'artificially or intentionally affecting prices within the United States' or to 'substantially lessen competition there.' But as American producers export 80 per cent, while domestic consumption is only about 20 per cent, of the domestic and foreign silver coming each year on the New York and United States markets, an export pool would necessarily control both the world and domestic prices. This, in the view of the Department of Justice, whose opinion on the question was sought, would make an export pool's operations illegal. To meet this situation in the silver industry, the law would have to be amended, which is regarded as altogether unlikely. Another peculiarity of the silver smelting business works against an export pool. Unlike copper, the silver smelter buys outright and is the titular owner of all silver and gold in ores. It pays the mine on the basis of the full market price and gold in ores. The smelter cannot afford to risk 'carrying' the metal, it must retain liberty of action to sell each day at the market price its intake. An export pool would pro-rate sales and destroy such liberty of action and would compel 'carrying' the metal. This was one cause of the withdrawal of many members of the Copper Export Association. The leading copper and silver interests are identical. It has been proposed to meet this difficulty by having the mines 'carry' their own silver, as the leading mining companies do with their copper, and to sell through the central agency. It was further proposed by a United States Senator to help the mines and agency 'carry' their product, to amend the Federal Reserve Act of 1917 so as to make not only acceptances for warehouse silver redimptible, but also notes secured by warehouse receipts for stored (unsold) silver."

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

CLOSING QUOTATIONS

SEPTEMBER 29th, 1924.

Hongkong and Shanghai
Banks \$1.15 a.

Canton Insurance \$720 b.

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Hongkong Fire Insurance \$400 b.

Douglas Steamships \$82 nom.

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Hongkong Hotels \$22 b.

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Hongkong Paper \$23 nom.

China Providents \$33 (combined) b.

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Hongkong Electric \$43 a.

China Lights \$29 (combined) b.

Hongkong Trams \$21 b.

Peak Tramways \$21 b.

Buyers: Sellers: 10-15 a.

CINEMA NOTES.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

The final shows of Metro's light-comedy melodrama, "The Five Dollar Baby," will be given to-day at the Queen's Theatre. Viola Dana, as the star, gives an exquisite performance and, Ralph Lewis cleverly enacts the part of a benevolent pawnbroker.

THE WORLD THEATRE.

"Lucetta Lombard," the screen adaptation of the famous novel of the same name by Kathleen Norris, is scheduled for four days' run at the World Theatre, commencing to-morrow, with Irene Rich and Monte Blue heading a distinguished cast of players. In book form, the story enjoyed enormous vogue, being hailed as one of the most striking novels of the past decade. It deals with a young and pretty woman tied down to an unlovable curmudgeon of an old man, who is an invalid and needs constant care. As a result the woman is deprived of all the joys and riches held by life, and feels youth slipping away till she meets the man her heart. The picture brings out the wretchedness of a loveless marriage. Lucetta is still young and pretty finds herself cheated, the wife of a confirmed invalid who bullies her. An extra strong dose of opiate administered by himself ends the life of her husband and she is freed, but only to find herself embroiled in a triangle so hectic that her former difficulties seem as nothing. How two women battle for the love of a man, and how fate steps in at the eleventh hour, staging a spectacular forest fire to settle the drama, is shown in this Warner Brothers Classic of the Screen.

COMPANY REPORT.

THE DAIRY FARM, ICE AND COLD STORAGE CO., LTD.

The report for presentation to shareholders at the twenty-eighth ordinary yearly meeting states:—

The Directors herewith present to the shareholders a statement of the Company's accounts for the year ending July 31st, 1924.

The profits for the year, together with the amount brought forward from last year's account, after writing off \$118,594.21 for depreciation and bad and doubtful debts, and providing for Directors' and Auditors' fees, amounts to \$333,043.01 which it is proposed shall be dealt with as follows:—

To pay a dividend of \$1.50 per share on 200,000 shares	\$300,000.00
To add to fire and typhoon insurance fund	16,842.40
To carry forward	6,200.61
	\$323,043.01

Directors.—During the year Messrs. D. M. Ross and J. P. Warren were invited to join the Board during the absence from the Colony of Messrs. A. S. D. Cusland and T. C. Weall.

Retiring Directors.—Mr. W. S. Brown and Mr. J. P. Warren retire by rotation but are eligible for re-election. Dr. J. W. Noble retires in accordance with the Company's Articles of Association.

Audit.—The annexed accounts have been audited by Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming who offer themselves for re-election.

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HARD-COURT TENNIS

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

EDINBURGH, August 27th.

The majority of the results in the First Division of the League were close, and draws were quite common. This somewhat unusual experience has had its effect on the positions of the clubs, and thus at the end of the week's football we find that, with two exceptions, all of them have dropped one point or more. Were it not for the fact that one of the two well-placed clubs is Rangers, and that thus early the champions have established a definite, if slight, lead over their rivals, there is an equality suggested by these happenings that is full of infinite promise. It is to be feared, however, that this equality does not extend to Rangers, whose brilliance in the early part of last season's campaign deprived the competition of all interest long before the end was in sight, and that as the weeks roll on the margin between them and the others will tend to increase rather than diminish. On Airdrieonians, and in a lesser degree Celtic, rest the chief hopes of opposition, and possibly one or both may ere the season is too far advanced find the extra bit of form necessary to maintain interest at the highest level. Rangers rightly view their Aberdeen engagement as one of the stiffest in their programme, and their satisfaction in emerging victorious from it will be enhanced by the fact that they were defeated on the same ground last season. Aberdeen were, on the whole, a shade unfortunate to lose, as in the second half they had more than their share of the attack. Keen and good football was shown at the meeting of Celtic and Airdrieonians, and a draw was a fair result. Celtic, who achieved something of a record in the way of drawn games last season, look like emulating their performance again, for this was their third draw in eight days. They have yet to win a game, but they are better than either Aberdeen or St. Mirren, as both these clubs are still pointless. It was left to Queen's Park to return what was perhaps the best result. In dividing the amateurs did more than even their most fervent supporters expected them to do.

Partick Thistle, 2; Celtic, 2.
Third Lanark, 2; Hamilton Academicals, 1.
Heart of Midlothian, 3; Cowdenbeath, 2.
Falkirk, 3; Morton, 0.
Rangers, 3; St. Johnstone, 1.
Ayr United, 0; Airdrieonians, 1.
Queen's Park, 1; Kilmarnock, 2.
Heart of Midlothian, 2; Ayr United, 3.
Kilmarnock, 0; Hibernian, 1.
Aberdeen, 0; Rangers, 1.
Celtic, 1; Airdrieonians, 1.
Motherwell, 3; Morton, 0.
Partick Thistle, 1; Dundee, 1.
Rath Rovers, 1; Queen's Park, 1.
St. Johnstone, 0; Falkirk, 0.
St. Mirren, 0; Hamilton Academicals, 1.
Third Lanark, 1; Cowdenbeath, 1.

cricket.

The only Scottish Counties Championship match, that between Perthshire and Stirling County, had to be abandoned owing to rain. This practically means that at the best Perthshire can now only tie with Clackmannan County for the title which they won last season. As they have completed their programme, and Clackmannan County have still one match to play, even the distinction of a joint championship can only be theirs if the present leaders lose their remaining game against Aberdeenshire at Alloa. A draw in this match would leave the "Wee County" undisputed and popular winners of the honour. All the Western District Union clubs were engaged in championship games, Uddingston and Kelburne strengthening their prospects of securing the title by victories over Kilmarnock and West of Scotland respectively.

Wales easily defeated Scotland in the International cricket match at Swansea, winning by an innings and 79 runs. The foundation for the Welsh victory was laid by their fine score of 397 to which Bates contributed 110. Scotland never looked like reaching this total, though some of their batsmen showed a fighting spirit when the game was going against them. On the whole, however, Scotland's batting lacked resolution. Their totals were 150 and 75.

HARD COURT CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The week's tournament at St. Andrew's in the Scottish Hard Court Championship was a great success. The Ladies' Singles was won by Mrs. Robin Welsh, Edinburgh, the runner-up being Miss K. E. Little, Edinburgh. The Ladies' Doubles was gained by Misses J. C. Rankine, Newlands, and M. K. Jenkins, Edinburgh, who in the final defeated Mrs. R. Welsh and Mrs. Keith Buchanan, Partick. The Gent's Doubles went to E. C. Macintosh and A. Blair, the runner-up being Dr. G. M. Elliot, Edinburgh, and D. L. Craig. The Gent's Singles fell to A. Blair, Pollockshields, who beat E. C. Macintosh, Glenalmond.

MARKSMAN KILLS HIS ASSISTANT.

AMUSEMENT PARK TRAGEDY.

An imitator of William Tell is now in the custody of the Berlin police in consequence of the death of his assistant while he was displaying the marksmanship in a Berlin amusement park. One of his tricks was to show off his skill in rifle-shooting was to pierce a playing card held on top of the head of an assistant. For five years he had never failed, but a bullet entered his assistant's head, causing his death. The unfortunate marksman is now charged with murder.

CRICKET'S CHAMPION UMPIRE.

"Googly" writing in the *Daily Mail*:
It may surprise you the first time you see Frank Chester umpiring to note how young he is. Most of the men who wear the long white coat of the cricket field have lived their active cricketing lives, and have settled quietly down to middle age, but Chester is an exception. He is still two years short of thirty, and but for the war you would not find him where he is.

The war cost Chester his bowling hand and so lost Worcestershire, and very likely England, one of the most talented young players in the country ten years ago. Cricket seemed to hold great things for Chester, but he has been cheated of them.

Cheated! Well, not altogether, as it happens. True, he cannot take his place among the players, but his keenness is unabated, and his keenness has made him the most-talked-of and the most interesting umpire in the game. He is so alert, so zealous, so original, that wherever he "stands," as they say in cricket, he stands out.

Even on the hottest, most sleep-inducing afternoon Chester is wide awake, to what is happening. He follows every ball bowled with his mind, as well as with his eyes; and if you are not very conveniently placed to see for yourself, you can gather from him how nearly that one took the batsman's bail, how close that was to a catch at slip.

Chester is a sort of Cook's guide of cricket. He personally conducts, by means of gestures, bits of pantomime, and unconscious little bits of by-play, the course of the game for you. Watch him closely and you will get an unspoken account of what is happening out there in the middle of the field. If any moving-picture company ever decided to film a big cricket match the first man it should engage is Chester; he would be more informative than many subtitles.

Every ball that is sent up from his end is a matter of the very closest importance to him. Most umpires stand still and look quietly on. But Chester must needs bend down, crane his neck, twist himself this way or that way, and generally comport himself as if the world were hanging breathless on the result of a cricket ball bowled to a batsman. But it is when the possibility of a swift run-out occurs that he is at his very best. In a fraction of a second he darts out of everyone's way into a place which gives him a perfect view of things, crouches down, and—almost ready to believe—holds his breath over the race between the man whose aim is to get "in" and the men whose aim it is to get him out.

An entertaining young man, Frank Chester—and a brilliant one at his job.

FORTUNES BY SCHOOLBOY JOCKEYS.

Few people realise that most of our leading jockeys are either still in their teens or in the very early twenties, wears Cayendish Hops.

They achieve fame as the riders of "classic" winners at an age when most other boys are hardly beginning to take their schooldays seriously, and, owing to the difficulty of keeping down weight, frequently retire with a small fortune to become trainers of other men's horses and other men's boys before they are thirty. Of the twelve leading jockeys this season up to the end of last week, nine are either still under twenty or well on the sunny side of twenty-five.

The younger a jockey begins his professional career—according to Steve Donoghue—the better. His son Pat, who left school in July to follow in his father's footsteps and rode his first winner for Eleanor Lady Torrington in the middle of August, will not be fourteen years old until October.

Another son rode against each other in the first race which Pat rode as a professional jockey, and also when the son won his first race.

Another jockey who frequently rides against his father is W. McLachlan, jun. Although only about sixteen, he has been wonderful successful this season in winning some of the biggest races, and is now sixth in the list of winning jockeys. In April he performed a feat only paralleled twice when he rode the winner of the Great Metropolitan at Epsom on the Tuesday and the winner of the City and Suburban next day.

Smirke, who started off the present flat-racing season by riding eleven winners in twelve days and is now fifth in the list of winning jockeys—occupying one place below the veteran Steve Donoghue—is the seventeen-year-old son of a small business man in a London suburb. He began his career at fifteen and won a race on his second public mount and thirty-nine others before the season was out.

"Tommy" Morgan, another very promising young light-weight jockey, the son of an Irish horse-dealer, probably holds the record as the youngest winner of a great race. He won the Great Metropolitan Stakes at Epsom on Viaduct in 1920 at the age of thirteen!

Elliott, who tied with Steve Donoghue for premier honours last year and is now head of the list of winning jockeys, is himself barely out of his teens, as are also H. Wrang, the King's light-weight jockey, and "Vic" Smyth, R. A. Jones. "Tommy" Weston, and G. Richards, all of whom are among the first twelve winning jockeys of the present season.

LOCAL SPORT.

V.R.O. CHAMPIONSHIPS.

PRELIMINARY HEATS BEGIN.

The series of preliminary heats for the Annual Championships of the Victoria Recreation Club began at the Club yesterday evening, the earlier stages of the 440 yards Championship being contested.

Only two heats were swum off, but two fine performances were made by D. Lyon, who won his heat in 32.2-3 secs., and the veteran C. J. Cook, who in winning the other, returned a time of 34.1 secs.

The full results were as under:—

HEAT I.
C. J. Cook.....34.1 secs.....1
D. Lyon.....32.2-3 secs.....2
E. W. Raiton a bad third.

HEAT II.
D. Lyon.....34.1 secs.....1
Pte. Douglas.....34.1 secs.....2
B. Rasmussen.....34.1 secs.....3
A. George was tailed off, and his time was not recorded.

To-day at 5.30 p.m. preliminary heats will be swum off for the 220 yards (Open) Championship, the 100 yards (Boys), and the 100 yards Breast Stroke Championship.

BIG BOXING MATCH.

The Hongkong Boxing Association is in receipt of a cable from Shanghai stating that "Matty" Smith in preparation to meet Jim Cartridge in a boxing contest for the lightweight championship of the Colony. The contest has been provisionally arranged to take place on November 13th.

NAVAL DOCKYARD SPORTS.

ENJOYABLE AFTERNOON AT STONECUTTERS.

The Royal Naval Dockyard Recreation Club's annual sports at Stonecutters on Saturday proved a most enjoyable affair. An excellent programme had been arranged by Messrs. Newham and Smith, and the presentation of prizes was made by Mrs. E. Newham.

The working committee comprised Messdames Newham, Padbury, Allen, Jones, Daniels and Spanton.

The various competitions resulted as follows:—

100 Yards Swimming Race, Boys.—1, K. Evans; 2, F. George; 3, L. Evans.
100 Yards Swimming Race, Girls.—1, M. George; 2, L. Spanton.
Sausage (Lifebuoy) Race, All-Comers.—1st Team, M. George and L. Spanton.
Water Derby, Men.—1, R. Spanton on "Spotted Sand".
Water Derby, Boys.—1, J. Hill on "Spotted Sand"; 2, F. George on "Kewloon Chief".
Sand Digging, Children.—1, Eric Moore; 2, Stella Stevenson.
Tug-of-War, Ladies.—Single beat Mar. ried.
Tug-of-War, Men.—Married beat Single.
Egg and Spoon Race, Ladies.—1, Mrs. F. Allen.
100 Yards Flat Race, Boys.—1, E. Fleming; 2, J. Daniels.
100 Yards Flat Race, Girls.—1, M. George; 2, L. Spanton; 3, B. Allen.
Football, Married v. Single.—Draw, one all.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

FIFTH EXTRA RACE MEETING.

The Secretary of the Hongkong Jockey Club forwards us the entries for the fifth Extra Race meeting to be held on Saturday, October 11th, and Monday, October 13th.

For the Reading Handicap races on the first day 43 ponies have been entered: 15 for the Wokingham Stakes (five furlongs); 14 for the Fourth Aggregate Stakes (one mile); 11 for the Theale Selling Plate (one mile) and 29 for the Beekhampton Handicaps (1½ miles).

The entries are large also for the second day of the meeting, with the exception of the one mile race for the Ormonde Handicap, which has not attracted more than seven ponies.

BIG STADIUM AT TOKYO.

TO BE OPENED WITH ATHLETIC TOURNEY NEXT MONTH.

The construction of the athletic field in the outer grounds of the Meiji Shrine at Yoyogi, Tokyo, has been completed, says the *Osaka Asahi*. The inauguration ceremony, together with a grand tournament of athletes from the secondary schools all over the country, is to be held under the auspices of the Home Office, on October 25th. The Imperial Princes and Princesses, the Premier, Viscount Kato, and his Cabinet colleagues, will be invited.

The total area of the ground is 10,000 taubo (about 8 acres). In the open there is room for 50,000 spectators. A grand stand with twenty-six terraces of benches covers 1,237 taubo, and can take in 15,000 people. Around the grounds several hundred cherry-trees are planted. The track is 400 metres long and 10 metres wide and there is a straight course 200 metres long and 12 wide. The field is turfed and is large enough for football. In the stand are six rooms for players, a bath-room, a medical office, a special room, and an office.

The authorities began the work in 1910. Delays were caused by a rise in the cost of materials and also in wages. The earthquake further interrupted the work.

The total cost of constructing the ground and equipment was Y.1,000,000.

CRICKET NOTES.

I have received a letter from a gentleman who calls himself "Cricketer." He suggests that the net should be put up early in the morning from 7.45 to 9 a.m. I am in a position to say that the Committee tried to arrange this, but found it impracticable owing largely to the difficulties which my correspondent very sensibly foresaw. Another difficulty is that the number of practice wickets is very scanty, and two sets of nets a day would cut them up more, as they could not receive attention after both "sessions." He also asks me to open my columns to all who have suggestions or comments to make. I shall be glad to receive comments, but reasonable suggestions are always welcomed by the C.C. Committee and should be sent to them *via* the Hon. Secretary, Mr. L. S. Greenhill. By the way, letters for this column must contain the writer's real name, "not for publication but as etc." I have no intention of making these notes the vehicle for anonymous attacks. Any hating will be done by Mr. R. Abbit himself. Others had better try the Correspondence Columns. Nothing doing here.

The nets have been pretty full during the past week. The batsmen hardly seem to have settled down yet, although as regards wickets they have had nothing to complain of. Pearce and Hancock seem in their usual good form, while Owen Hughes, Armstrong and Stripp have been batting well. More is good but a little short of practice. The bowling is not very good. It must, however, be remembered that a lot of men cannot bowl up to their form in a net. It is especially hard on bowlers who take a long run.

On Wednesday next special nets are being arranged and it should be an interesting afternoon. Reed has been keeping a very good length, and is in my opinion easily the best bowler in the Colony. Jacobs has been bowling well, and so has the Rev. T. B. Powell. All three, however, are very poor fields, though in justice to Reed it must be said that his sight is largely to blame.

I should have liked to see more organised fielding practice by this time. And fielding practice does not mean chucking catches to each other. Everybody drops catches on occasion, but ground fielding can be learned. It is surprising how many men at nets now that I hear it said "Oh, but he owes the side twenty-five runs, before he goes in." A man has to be a most consistent scorer to get into an Interport side with a handicap like that. Failure to back up, not getting down to them, and (above all), a tendency to saunter rather than gallop after a ball—all get a man a bad name as a fielder far more than an occasional dropped catch.

I hear More got 50 (retired) for the Volunteers on the C.R.C. last Saturday and Bowker 30 odd. The bowling was not very epoch-making I believe though. E. J. R. Mitchell also got twenty odd. The Volunteers won comfortably, as after making over 150 and declaring, they got rid of the Chinese for about 30. I regret that at the moment of writing, I have not the precise figures to hand.

I have a few more details about probable Straits players from a reliable source. Hussey is a fine left-handed bat, very hard to get out when set, but rather a nervous or casual starter. He is reputed to be rather slow in the field.

I hear that Grenier is not so good as he was in this department of the game.

Wyatt is a useful left-hand bowler but he is not as good as he has been. Brand hits very hard and keeps wicket well. He will probably keep if Maarten cannot get away. Laville will probably be spare man. He is a fair all-round cricketer.

Besides these probabilities there is a possibility that Carter, a young Eurasian, may come. I am told he is a very good right hand medium pace bowler. He has lots of finger spin and a ball that goes away with his arm very fast. He is described as "probably the best bowler in the Far East." There seem several of them.

R. ABBIT.

SOVIET SHIP SALUTES COMMODORE.

The Commander of the Soviet sloop *Vorovsky*, at present in the Harbour, came ashore yesterday and visited the Commodore. Following this Commodore Grace visited the sloop, and the usual salute of eleven guns was fired, thus rectifying the omission of Saturday.

**BUS AND CAR COLLISION.
ACTION FOR DAMAGES.**

A CASE THAT HAS MET WITH MISFORTUNE.

A case, described by the Puisne Judge as a case that had met with some misfortune, was heard in the Summary Court yesterday morning, when the Chung Mei Garage Company, Ltd., sued the Chung Hing Motor Bus Company for \$500 damages, due as the result of a collision in the New Territories.

Mr. C. H. Lyson appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. G. S. Hugh Jones represented the defendant.

The case is one that has been on the Court list for some considerable time, and it should have been disposed of several weeks ago but, as the Puisne Judge explained at the outset of yesterday's hearing, owing to the absence of Mr. Campbell Prosser from the Colony and the regrettable death of Mr. B. S. Corke, both of whom were interested in the case, the proceedings had to be put back. It was a case that had met with some misfortune.

Mr. Lyson explained that it was some considerable time ago that the case was commenced and asked that the evidence taken *de bene esse* be read over.

His Lordship did so and read the evidence of a Chinese seaman on the s.s. *President Grant*, who with his wife and two infants were the occupants of the plaintiff's car. According to this statement, the witness hired the car on March 10th to take a trip round the New Territories. At Tai Lam Tung village, they heard a motor-bus coming up behind. Five minutes later whilst they were proceeding up a hill the defendant's bus, in attempting to pass, collided with the right front wheel, causing plaintiff's car to swerve into the bank. If the vehicles had been going at low speed it is quite possible that the motor bus could have passed without touching. The witness heard the driver of the defendant bus blow his horn before passing the car. The bus drove on and did not stop.

After this evidence had been read, Mr. Lyson called the driver of the plaintiff's car. He said that his car was doing 14 or 15 miles per hour. The bus did not stop until he hailed it after his car had swerved into the bank. His car was a closed vehicle.

Cross-examined, the witness said he was 22 years of age and a fully licensed driver.

Mr. Hugh Jones: Did you expect the bus to overtake you?—No.

Then why did he sound his horn?—There were people on the road.

Did you move further to the left-hand side because he was coming?—Yes.

What do you estimate the speed of the bus?—Thirty miles per hour, when he passed my car.

For the defence Mr. Hugh Jones said the case would be that the car ran into the bank before the bus reached it. The car stopped suddenly and, therefore, although the driver of the bus tried to avoid a collision, he just scratched the mudguard as he went past. The accident was in no way due to the driver of the bus.

The bus driver said the plaintiff's car was zig-zagging just before it hit the bank. He touched the side as he went past, but he did not know that until afterwards.

The case was adjourned until this morning.

**ROBBED IN TRAMCAR.
CONDUCTOR REPORTS LOSS OF \$23.**

The police have received a report from Leung Ou, a conductor employed by the Hongkong Tramway Co., to the effect that whilst travelling in car No. 41, near Tin Hau Temple at Whitfield, on Sunday, he was robbed of \$23, the property of the Tramway Company.

He had this money in his right hand side pocket. Two men boarded the car near the temple, and when he pulled the communication cord and blew his whistle these men jumped off the car and escaped.

**HOUSE IN KOWLOON CITY
RAIDED.****ARMED ROBBERS DECAMP
WITHOUT LOOT.**

A house in Kowloon City, occupied by a Chinese military officer and his family, was broken into on Sunday at 7 a.m., by four Chinese armed with revolvers and a dagger.

Overpowering the officer, the intruders started to search the premises, but before they had made much progress one of the occupants raised an alarm, which caused them to take their departure without any loot.

**ALLEGED ROBBERY WITH
VIOLENCE.****SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST TWO
COOLIES.**

Cheung Shi, an unemployed coolie, of no fixed abode, and Cheung Chung, of 111, Aplin Street, also an unemployed coolie, were charged on remand before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon, with having stolen with violence nine 100-Rupree notes, \$234 in Hongkong money, \$1.30 in Singapore money, and various articles of clothing from Cheung Kam Fong, a Chinese woman, on September 13th.

A man who had been originally charged with the two defendants, but afterwards discharged on the police offering no evidence, was called as a witness. He testified that on September 13th, the second defendant gave him certain sums of money.

A Chinese detective, in the witness-box, said that on September 13th, on receiving information from an informer, he made a report to his Inspector. Acting on the latter's instructions, witness went with a party of police to a house, where they found the second defendant lying on a bed. The first defendant came in later from below. As soon as he saw the witness, the second defendant pulled some notes from his right hand pocket, and threw them on the bed.

On the next day, continued the witness, he went to the scene of the alleged robbery, where he found several cloth certificates (produced) in Chinese characters. (It had been previously stated that these documents were notifications that money had been sent to the complainant from Hongkong).

Inspector A. Hutchins stated in evidence that on September 13th, he received information that a robbery had taken place and that the robbers were in a house at Ma Lung Kung village. Sending a party of Chinese police in plain clothes on ahead, witness went to the house. A Chinese detective pointed out to him seven 100-Rupree notes, which were lying on a bed. On the 15th inst., witness went to a money-changer's shop, where two coins of one rupee each were handed to him.

Later, the woman complainant laid information at the police station that she had been robbed. At an identification parade held at the Yau-mai Police Station, the defendants were placed with thirteen others of similar height, build, and dress. The complainant identified the first defendant without hesitation.

The hearing was further adjourned until next Thursday afternoon.

**A HABIT IN MEXICO.
A CHINESE AND HIS
ARMOURY.**

A Chinese, who stated that he had been 14 years in Mexico, was yesterday fined \$500 with the alternative of six months' imprisonment by Mr. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistracy, for unlawfully having in his possession one Mauser pistol, one revolver and 190 rounds of ammunition.

Mr. J. d'Almada Remedios, for the defence, said the defendant was returning to his home in the Country and in view of the unsettled state of the Country he brought the arms with him for his own defence.

In answer to the Magistrate, Inspector Moody of the Water Police, said the police were satisfied that defendant was not attempting to smuggle the arms, although they were hidden under the canvas in his box.

The Magistrate: If he comes from Mexico he probably habitually walks about with guns on him, but he must have seen the notices posted up in the ship.

**SMALL RIVER STEAMER
TURNS TURTLE.****NO LIVES LOST.**

News has been received in Hongkong of an accident to a small river steamer, the s.s. *Tin Sing*, which left Wuchow on Friday afternoon for Hongkong, with 100 passengers and a considerable amount of cargo.

At Ho Lok Village, near Monk's Head, the vessel went ashore and later turned turtle. Fortunately, no lives were lost.

The passengers and most of the cargo were taken off the ship by the s.s. *Kat Sang*, belonging to the same Company.

The *Tin Sing*, which is commanded by Capt. David Morgan, is a wooden ship of some 676 registered tons. She was built in 1900 and purchased by her present owners the Luen Mow S.S. Co., of 65, Connaught Road Central, about seven years ago.

**CHINESE DABBY AND JOAN.
PRETTY SCENE IN LOCAL POLICE
COURT.**

A *Daily Press* representative was a casual witness of a pretty scene yesterday morning, which should not be allowed to pass unrecorded.

It took place in a local police court, and out of regard for the well-known modesty of the gallant European police officer concerned, the latter's identity is withheld.

An aged Chinese, of feeble appearance and tottering gait, was charged with hawking without a licence. In his anxiety not to be late, the old man turned up a full hour too early. A police officer, being struck with sympathy at his age and obvious frailty, questioned him, and discovered that he had been for many years in Australia, where he had learned to speak excellent English. He was now far beyond work, and forced to sell trifles in the street in order to live.

The Sergeant gave the old man 50 cents, and pointed out a nearby tea house, where he suggested that the old gentleman could spend his hour's wait in greater comfort than in the corridor of the Court.

"Thank you very much indeed," said the venerable offender. "I will go and fetch my old wife." And he promptly went to another part of the Court precincts, where he found an aged lady, even feebler than himself, who had come to stand by her husband in his trouble.

Arm in arm, and resting painfully on sticks, the venerable couple tottered off to the tea house. On his return, the old gentleman was discharged by the Magistrate with a caution.

**COOLIES STONE POLICE
STATION.****RESENT ARREST OF COMRADE.****FIFTEEN FINED.**

For being in unlawful possession of a quantity of wood, suspected to have been stolen from the Government Plantation at Pokfulam Road, a coolie was fined \$3 or, in default, seven days' imprisonment, at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

Fifteen coolies were charged with creating a disturbance and throwing stones at the Pokfulam Police Station in connection with the arrest of the defendant in the previous case, and were fined \$10 or two weeks' hard labour each, with the exception of the fourteenth defendant, who was fined \$10 or three weeks' hard labour for spitting in Court in addition.

**PORTUGUESE AT VARIANCE.
RESULTS OF MIMICRY OVER
GARDEN WALL.**

Before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, a case was resumed in which Mr. H. A. Barros summoned Mr. P. Roza for assault, and the latter issued cross-summonses for assault against Mr. H. A. Barros and his brother, Mr. F. Barros.

According to evidence given at a previous hearing, a certain amount of ill-feeling had existed for some time between all the parties, it being alleged that members of the Roza family had at different times mimicked the strammering diction of Mr. H. Barros over the garden wall. This is said to have culminated in the incident which formed the subject of the cross-summonses.

At yesterday's hearing His Worship said that he had devoted much thought to the case, and had come to the conclusion that both sides were very largely to blame. He was of opinion that the fight had been started simultaneously by both sides.

Each of the principal parties (Mr. H. A. Barros and Mr. Roza) was fined \$10, and in addition Mr. Roza was ordered to pay Mr. Barros \$5 to defray his doctor's bill. All parties were further bound over in \$100 to keep the peace for six months.

**TRESPASSER HEAVILY
FINED.****FOUND IN SERVANTS' QUARTERS.**

A Chinese coolie, who was found trespassing in the kitchen of No. 6, Cox's Road, Kowloon, occupied by Inspector S. Eccleshall, of the Sanitary Department, was yesterday morning sentenced at the Kowloon Magistracy, by Mr. E. W. Hamilton to two months' hard labour with the option of a fine of \$100.

The coolie said he went to the house with the intention of finding a friend employed there as a "boy." This story was refuted by Inspector Eccleshall who explained that he had not employed a "boy" for the last 17 months.

The defendant's record showed that he had two previous convictions for stealing.

CANTON NEWS.

(FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.)

**PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY CABLES
TO LEAGUE OF NATIONS.****REPUDIATION OF DR. SUN YAT SEN.**

The Kwangtung Provincial Assembly is forwarding to the League of Nations a message repudiating Dr. Sun's recent cable. It reads, in part, follows:

Dr. Sun Yat Sen, irregularly constituting himself Canton Government, is incompetent as spokesman of South China. He has desperately misled the World and maliciously labelled the citizens of Canton when informing the League of Nations that Canton citizens opposing his oppression and devastation were rebels and reactionaries. In fact, he is a rebel disturbing local peace and international goodwill by his misrepresentations. The Consular Body and the British Naval Authorities in Canton on August 20th, in preventing Dr. Sun Yat Sen from bombarding defenceless Canton, performed a humanitarian duty deeply appreciated by all Chinese and should never have been considered as intervention, imperialistic or otherwise.

THE "INEVITABLE CONFLICT."

The conflict between the merchant class of Kwangtung, and the Kuomintang Bolsheviks led by Dr. Sun Yat Sen, long considered inevitable is expected in the early part of October, unless the Kuomintang yield to popular demand for government by the people in the next few days.

The long standing issue between Dr. Sun and the merchants was brought to a breaking point this September 23th, when the six representatives of the Canton, merchants sent an ultimatum to Generals Fan Shek Shang and Liao Heng Chao of the Yunnanese mercenaries in Canton, delegates of Dr. Sun for the settlement of the arms question with the merchants.

Concluding a long letter covering the history of the negotiations the merchants representatives say:

"The frequent failure of the Government to keep faith and its repeated attempts to mislead the people have compelled the people to withdraw their confidence in the Government. Its repeated promises to promote democracy and champion the peoples' right have never been fulfilled, while its work of destroying the self-government and freedom of the people has been done with great force. Finding it exceedingly difficult to tolerate so untrustworthy a Government, we hereby withdraw ourselves as representatives of the Merchants Volunteers dealing with the Government in the arms matter, and we shall be no longer responsible for the action of the Volunteers in the future."

**DR. SUN RETURNING TO
CANTON.****"MILITARY PLANS COMPLETED."**

The following is taken from the *Canton Times*, a Canton Government organ:

All military plans have been completed and mobilization of the troops for the Expedition is nearly at an end, there remains the work of devising means to support the campaign. The responsibility for this falls on the local Government. Hence, it is President Sun's intention to return to Canton for a while in order to reorganise and improve the finances of the province, so that the Expedition may not be handicapped through lack of funds.

On account of Mr. Liao Chung Kai's refusal to accept the post of Minister of Finance, and Mr. Koo Ying Fun's delay in assuming office chiefly on account of the disorganised state of the financial situation, President Sun's return is considered necessary.

**ENCOUNTER WITH PIRATES
BY H.M.S. "ROBIN."****ONE PIRATE LAUNCH SUNK
ANOTHER CAPTURED.**

Following upon the news of the last few days that pirates were again becoming active in the Canton delta it is satisfactory to be able to record the sinking of a pirate launch and the capture of another by H.M.S. *Robin*. The captured pirates have been taken to Kowloon and there handed over to the Chinese authorities. Although it is not yet confirmed, it is believed that the two launches attacked by the British gunboat were those that attacked the Shekai passenger-junks early on Sunday morning.

It appears that late on Sunday afternoon the gunboat encountered the two launches in the Saffern channel and, suspecting them, called on them to stop. The launches turned and fled, with the gunboat in hot pursuit. Hoping to outwit the patrol, the launches steamed up a creek with the intention of getting into shallow water. The *Robin* forestalled this action and opened fire on the two launches, sinking one. The other surrendered. It is not known if any of the pirates were killed or wounded, but the Naval men handed over to the Chinese authorities at Kowloon all that fell into their hands.

There is reason to believe that these pirates had made very elaborate arrangements for an attack on the Kowloon convoy the same evening. This convoy consists of three river steamers running between Hongkong and Kowloon.

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CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.
(THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.)

THE LEAGUE.

JAPAN'S PROTEST.

Geneva, September 29th.

The first committee, after a prolonged and animated discussion, adopted the Chairman's report on the juridical portion of the protocol. An unexpected outcome was the Japanese exception to Article VI relating to the action of the Council in dealing with an aggressor.

M. Adachi, in a serious tone, read a declaration from the Japanese delegation, the substance of which is as follows:

"The ideal of the League is to settle peacefully all conflicts between nations. The draft protocol, however, does not make good the gaps in the Covenant in this regard, inasmuch as Article XV of the Covenant continues to permit a State to escape international investigation under the pretext that the matter is within its exclusive competence, even if the matter infringes honour and prejudices vital interests. Another state, according to Article VII of the Protocol of the League, while abstaining from lending its pacific action to a state wronged, threatens to consider that state the aggressor should it adopt measures of defence of its legitimate interests. Thus the draft protocol will lead to the protection of a state which has rejected the supremacy of international justice and condemn a state which simply asked for an impartial application of justice. The Japanese delegation, which has already experienced great difficulties in accepting Article XV of the Covenant, greatly regrets it is unable to adhere to the illogical aggravation of the stipulation contained in Article VI of the Protocol."

THE DISCUSSION.

Senor Fernandez (Brazil) contended that the Japanese amendment was not in favour of the attainment of the object the committee had in view. Therefore he appealed for its withdrawal.

The Chairman, M. Politis, favoured the amendment, pointing out that it had been an exaggeration on both sides. The present wording of Article VI was too rigid.

M. Rolin (Belgium) declared amendment was not destructive one. Each state had a right to settle its own disputes.

Several heated interludes occurred in the course of the discussion.

Signor Scialoja (Italy) suggested the examination of the Protocol in a calmer atmosphere by a committee of experts.

M. Loucheur declared that if the Council did not do its duty any of the provisions of the protocol would be in vain. He proposed the Japanese amendment be referred to a sub-committee, thereupon the committee rose, the delegates dispersing animatedly discussion the affair.

The Protocol will now, probably not come to the Assembly before Tuesday.

END IN SIGHT.

The third committee completed its labours last night with the adoption of the report of M. Benes and a resolution moved by M. Lange (Norway) in regard to certain desiderata to be submitted to the Council when preparing the general programme of the conference on disarmament. Several articles of the Benes report were modified but not substantially. Thus the part of the protocol dealing with security and disarmament is completed and there now remains only the section dealing with arbitration, which it is hoped will be completed tomorrow.

FRENCH PRESS COMMENT.

Paris, September 29th.

The newspapers emphasize the critical nature of the Japanese attitude at Geneva.

L'Echo de Paris declared that the protocol is tottering to threatened ruin whatever kind of a settlement is reached.

Le Matin's special correspondent at Geneva refers to the "tragic character of yesterday's sitting and the indescribable emotion evoked by M. Adachi's declaration." He thinks the Japanese will remain adamant.

EARLIER CABLES.
JAPANESE RESERVATIONS.

Geneva, September 29th.

M. Adachi's amendment to article VI of the arbitration protocol follows: "without prejudice to the Council's duty in endeavouring to conciliate the parties so as to assure maintenance of peace and good understanding between nations." M. Adachi said there was a gap in the Covenant; and it was their duty in all it might agree to, to fill it. He hoped, therefore, that the committee would result in his amendment, which would result in long, careful reflection. Finally M. Adachi withdrew the amendment "under express reservations on the whole protocol." The point is not yet completely cleared up. M. Adachi has not yet made up his mind, but probably will finally give way.

DISARMAMENT.

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BLOCKADE-PROVISIONS.

The League Assembly has decided to postpone to its next session a resolution submitted by Great Britain for defining the extent of the economic blockade against a State violating the Covenant. This resolution, which is in the nature of an amendment to article sixteen of the Covenant, enjoins on all members rigidly to enforce the cessation of financial and commercial and personal relations, direct or indirect, between them and the defaulting State.

VANQUISHED STATES.

The League Council has agreed to a plan of investigation of armaments of vanquished States by the League replacing the system of inter-allied military control, whereby a commission of investigation will be composed of representatives of members of the Council and include at least one neutral member, and a representative of the bordering State signatory to the peace treaties. Further, when examining any question relating to investigations, the permanent advisory commission shall invite assessors representing the bordering countries.

SAME FOR NON-MEMBERS.

The juridical clauses of the protocol, as drafted by the subcommittee and presented to the committee to-day, impose the same sanctions on non-member States as on members, in the event of their refusal to conform to the new procedure for a pacific settlement.

THE LEAGUE BUDGET.

The draft League budget for 1925, to be submitted to the Assembly of the League, totals 22,538,000 francs, being a diminution of 670,000 francs compared with 1924. The fourth committee, the chairman of which is M. Adachi, passed a credit for the labours of the experts entrusted with drawing up the amendments to the Covenant foreshadowed in the disarmament protocol.

LATEST CABLES.

BRITISH NAVAL CRUISE.

WORLD TRIP ENDED.

London, September 29th.

The ships of the Special Service Squadron reached Lands End last night on the completion of the world cruise. The *Hunt*, *Delhi* and *Dauntless* went to Plymouth, the *Reaper* and *Adelaide* to Portsmouth, and the *Junni* and *Dragon* to Sheerness.

REPORTED FALL OF MECCA.

CIVILIAN EVACUATION COMMENCED.

Cairo, September 29th.

Although there is no definite news regarding Mecca, the position is undoubtedly critical. A civilian evacuation has apparently begun and the seat of Government is being transferred to Jiddah.

EARLIER CABLES.

SPAIN AND MOROCCO.

REBELS REPELLED.

Madrid, September 28th.

A communique says the Spanish advance towards Sheshuan continues satisfactorily. Enemy attacks have been driven back. There has been heavy fighting in the Larache sector, near Reniaros, where the enemy had severe losses. A few Spanish officers were among the casualties.

SOVIET WAR CLAIM

Moscow, August 28th.

According to the Rosta News Agency, a claim of 120 million pre-war roubles will be presented to Britain as the result of the report of the commission of enquiry into the losses suffered by the Soviet in Georgia owing to Allied intervention.

FLOODS IN RUSSIA.

Moscow, August 28th.

Altogether 24 million roubles of damage has been done by floods in Leningrad.

U.S. WORLD FLIGHT.

CIRCUIT OF GLOBE COMPLETED.

Seattle, September 28th.

The American world fliers landed at Sand Point aerodrome this afternoon, thereby completing their circuit of the globe.

THE CIVIL WAR IN CHINA.

(THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.)

FIGHTING ON ALL FRONTS.

Shanghai, September 29th.

Fighting took place on all fronts to-day. While the Chekiangites are attacking the centre, the Kiangsuites are said to be seeking to envelop the wings.

A KIANGSU SUCCESS.

Shanghai, September 29th.

After a day of fierce fighting in the Anting sector yesterday, during which the Chekiang forces reported further important gains, the Kiangsu troops last night launched a counter-offensive along the entire Shanghai front and are reported to have met with considerable success.

Fukien and Kiangsu troops are reported to be massing at Kashing.

LLOYD'S UNDERWRITERS PERTURBED.

WAR RISK DIFFICULTIES.

London, September 29th.

The situation in China, says the *Manchester Guardian*, continues to perturb the underwriters at Lloyd's, who recently issued a cancellation of war risks on all contracts that include the insurance of goods to, from or between Chinese ports.

The journal points out that most insurance covers this, and open contracts are subject to cancellation with ten days' notice in the case of war risks, but only in serious circumstances do underwriters take advantage of the clauses permitting cancellation of contracts, after which the underwriters usually agree to cover war risks at mutually agreed rates. The prevailing war risk rates for Chinese ports are one-eighth per cent. on policies containing the institute or warehouse to warehouse clause, and one per cent. for thirty days afterwards.

REPRESENTATIVE JAPANESE OPINION.

Tokyo, September 29th.

A party of leaders of the House of Representatives at a conference this morning decided to seek an interview with the Premier and Foreign Minister on the question of the possibility of the extension of war in the eastern provinces closely to devote attention to the situation and to take such measures as are necessary to protect Japanese interests there. This may be regarded as the representative opinion held in many quarters where, while not advocating intervention, it is declared that Japan's special interests and relations with China do not accord with an absolute unconditional non-interference policy.

JAPANESE ADVISER FOR MARSHAL WU

LIEUT. GENERAL BANZAI'S EXPLANATIONS.

In compliance with Marshal Wu Pei Fu's request, Lieut. General Banzai, Japanese military adviser to the Premier, is alleged to have agreed to become his adviser in addition to his present post. In this connection, General Banzai states in part:

"The fact that I have become an adviser to Marshal Wu Pei Fu may, perhaps, give rise to conjecture that I have something to do with the present Chihli-Fengtien war, but in reality, I have no intention whatever to interfere in the internal disturbances in this country. I have complied with Marshal Wu's request, simply because he is desirous to have my views in order to meet eventualities that may arise in connection with the Manchurian question at the conclusion of the war. I shall feel quite satisfied, therefore, if my service as an adviser to Marshal Wu should contribute in any way toward the furtherance of the friendly relations of China and Japan. I am not yet in a position to foretell what will be the outcome of the present war between Chihli and Fengtien."—*Eastern News Agency*.

SHOT FOR FAILURE IN DISCIPLINE.

COLONEL SENTENCED BY MARSHAL LU.

Colonel Li Ting Mei, Commander of the 28th Infantry Regiment of the 19th Brigade of the 10th Division, was shot at the Execution Ground of the Arsenal September 24th at 5 p.m. on Wednesday afternoon by order of Marshal Lu Yung-hsiang, says the Chinese Press.

Colonel Li was found guilty by a court martial conducted by Marshal Lu himself of having failed to keep his troops under control and having thereby committed a breach of Army Discipline. This case arose from the looting of Huchow by the troops of the 28th Regiment.

Shortly after 5 p.m. on September 24th, Marshal Lu had the guilty troops assembled at the drill ground in Lung-hua. He addressed them on the importance of enforcing discipline in an army. He offered either to disband and send them back to their homes in Shantung; or to keep them if they would swear to redeem their sins by helping him to fight and defeat his enemy and to be of good conduct in future. A tremendous shout rent the air, the men in one voice choosing to follow their Commander-in-Chief through thick and thin.

Then followed the tragic end of their Colonel, doubtless to serve as a warning against future misbehaviour.

TUAN CHI-JUI'S INDICTMENT.

BITTER ATTACK ON PEKING GOVERNMENT.

THIS NOTORIOUS USURPER.

Marshal Tuan Chi-jui's bitter attack on the Central Government is translated as follows:—

"Having read the circular telegram which was sent out by Marshal Chang Tso-lin and Marshal Lu Yung-hsiang stating that our country has been going from bad to worse and that it behoves them to shoulder the responsibility of saving the nation from eternal ruin, I feel that their declarations are both righteous and brave. During recent years the political condition has been deplorable. No sensible man can bear to see or hear of the present state of affairs.

The President's office has become a centre of debauchery and corruption. The highest place of corruption. The people as well as the nation are heartlessly neglected, and the teachings of propriety and righteousness, prudence and decency, are absolutely ignored. Tso Kuo, who has usurped the office of President by shameful intrigue and without the least mentionable merit, does not understand that he can hold his office only with difficulty, by observing the right way of ruling.

All the Government offices are now held by his favourites, who are men of absolutely no worth. He lives in a state of shameless debauchery. These people are sweltering in ill-gotten wealth, while the country has sustained the loss of millions and millions. Of this their share forms only a very small percentage, but they have the heart to do it, such as the matter of German Bonds.

ENORMOUS ARMIES.

Tso Kuo and his clique strive to strengthen their own positions by keeping enormous and superfluous armies. The national treasury has become deplorably empty, and our people are living in a state of sheer misery. The civil servants of the Government work day and night without receiving any salary to support their families, and the soldiers and police are on duty exposed to wind and rain without getting enough money to buy their daily bread. It is true that men who are at the helm of the State may not be blamed for the lack of resources, but for any treatment of inequality they are surely to be brought to account. Now inequality has been shown in its very true sense. More than 100 cases concerning diplomatic affairs have been held in suspension and all foreign debts falling due remain without the least means of being paid.

Faith in China has been utterly lost, and protest after protest by the different Powers has been filed. Furthermore, there seems to be no sign of peace. The Southern provinces are torn with soldiery. Almost everywhere we have reports of drought or flood. Now should Tso Kuo think seriously of giving the wretched people? But nay, on the contrary, orders have been issued from Peking to the four provinces of Kiangsu, Anhwei, Kiangsi and Fukien to attack Chekiang—only with the selfish object of getting rid of someone who is not a member of their clique.

NATIONAL PERDITION IMMINENT.

How many thousands of poor innocent people are to be sacrificed? Such unprecedented crime is to be committed only to satisfy the desire of one man. How can such a bloody deed of crime be tolerated? It is a universal law that to the blackest hour is the nearest, the hour of break of dawn, and it is the principle of history that the man of crime should be punished in order to relieve the poor suffering people. Sympathy, however, should be extended to those who have been obliged to serve him under force majeure, or under the pressure of friendly relations, or sheer poverty. You must have seen that many who serve faithfully under him have fallen victims to his foolish whims, or unreasonable jealousy. All those who have a clear view of the present state of affairs have already had self-determination and all those who are ambitious will surely rise up as one man against this notorious usurper. We feel fully confident that all the prominent men and military authorities will form a strong and united front in order to rid our country of this bogey (!) and also to save our nation and people from misery and perdition. It is time to rise up without delay, as national perdition is imminent."

(Sgd.) TUAN CHI-JUI.

PLEA FOR SIMPLER CALENDAR.

EACH MONTH JUST 4 WEEKS!

A plea for a simplified calendar was made by Professor C. F. Marvin, in a paper read before the Mathematical Section of the British Association, in session at Toronto.

"Our present calendar," he pointed out, "is complex and awkward, with months of unequal lengths, made up of four weeks plus 1, 2, or 3 days; apportioned according to the envy and whim of an old Roman emperor. It absolutely prohibits orderly and rational summaries of statistical data."

Professor Marvin pointed out that statistics of yields or prices of crops, business and economic conditions, to be fully useful, ought to be summarised in suitable units of time and published regularly and systematically.

"Let us, he said, 'promote the adoption of the simple equal-month calendar and thus make it easy for all future time at least, to summarise data in units of weeks, fortnights, four-week months, 13-week quarters, and years of 52 exact weeks.'

"It is an easy matter to absorb the unavoidable extra day in common years and the two such extra days in leap years."

MARSHAL LU TO PEACE-MAKERS.

NO PEACE BUT BY WAR.

PRESIDENT TSAO MUST GO.

Replying to a memorial which the Peace Maintenance Society of Shanghai (consisting of 84 organisations, commercial and philanthropic), Marshal Lu Yung Hsiang has written to the following effect:—

"I appreciate your kind sentiment; but I love peace as before. Since fighting began, peace may still be gained if the other side will show repentance. However, as four provinces are attacking Chekiang, and as Kiangsu was the first to start the war, Tso Kuo is the chief culprit that has made peace hopeless, to the indignation of the people."

"If you gentlemen really desire a true peace, you must first remove the obstacle to peace. Upon the outbreak of the revolution, our people did not ask Wu-chang to stop fighting, they first demanded of the Manchou Court to abdicate. When the title of Emperor Hsiao Hsien was assumed, our people did not request the South-west to suspend war; they first asked Yuan Shih Kai to vacate the Presidency. To-day matters stand just the same. If you regard stopping the war as the best plan, it would be as well to advise all our people to surrender to Tso Kuo."

After reiterating his determination to fight on, and the necessity to endure some plan for the time being in order to gain permanent peace; and after pointing out the ferocious nature of the enemy from whom to obtain peace would be as difficult as to ask the tiger for his skin, Marshal Lu continues:—

"If you do not agree that to stop fighting is tantamount to surrendering to Tso Kuo, then please first disclose your plan of removing Tso Kuo to our people. Our people all hate Tso Kuo, so much so that in none of the newspapers published in Shanghai, has he ever been represented as the President of China. Such a clearly expressed public opinion should be regarded seriously and used as a weapon against the traitor. Your proposal sounds like abandoning your weapon before running the traitor to earth. To surrender to Tso Kuo even for the sake of peace is condemned in principle; not to say that once you place yourselves in the position of a subjugated people, you can enjoy no peace even temporarily."

Marshal Lu then reminds the Peace Society of the tyrannical rule in Chihli, Shantung and Honan, and of the heavy taxation in Szechuan and Hupeh. Do they not tremble upon hearing of that? The difference between a man and a beast lies in that the former has sense to distinguish right from wrong, and the present is not a time to consider the question of profit and loss alone, as they who are all gentlemen of a high intelligence and good reputation, will readily admit.

Marshal Lu declares that as long as the national traitor is not removed, so long there can be no peace. "The way to peace is not the cessation of fighting, unless you gentlemen can suggest a way to bring the other side to submission without fighting. Kindly carefully consider the situation and you will see that you cannot preserve yourselves merely by stopping the war."

FADING WAR SIGNS.

"DEVASTATED AREA" NO LONGER.

From Lille to Bethune the road takes you through La Bassée and across the Red Zone. Five years ago it was all a wild waste of war-torn land and ruined buildings. La Bassée lay level with the soil. For miles around the earth was pitted with shell-holes and seamed with trenches. How does it look to-day ask Mr. C. R. Hargrove in the *Daily Mail*.

One fine summer morning I rode out along the famous highway to find an answer to that question. For the man who had never heard of the great struggle the answer, I think, would be that there was no token of war to be seen.

What would he note? A road for the most part freshly repaved; a large number of people living in temporary huts; a vast amount of building everywhere, especially in La Bassée and Bethune.

In the former he might perceive the ruins of a church covered, almost obliterated, by rank vegetation, and beside it a barn-like timber structure, with a cross over the door; but he might well imagine a local fire had done the damage. In the latter he would be astonished to find the whole of the centre, on the hill-top, composed of new buildings of brick or stone; but he might imagine there had been a local fire there too. He would comment on the ubiquity of corrugated iron, for where the roofs are not of bright red tiles they are all of this material.

When the rebuilding is finished, when Nature has done her work with the strips of earth that are intended to serve as memorials of the war what will remain to remind the coming generation of its havoc? In a backward La Bassée I saw an abandoned British tank—still standing there where it stuck five years ago. They will surely move that to the village square and set it beside the monument to the villagers who fell on the field of honour.

130 MILES AN HOUR.

Mr. Robert H. Mackintosh, flying a De Havilland machine on the London-Moscow air service recently, made the journey (about 550 miles) in very bad weather in 4 hours 29 minutes, an average speed of 130 miles an hour.

The journey was done in 41 hours last November.

WHITES IN CHINESE ARMIES.

PEKING PROTESTS TO SOVIET GOVERNMENT.

KARAKHAN'S REPLY.

Peking, September 18th.

In view of various conflicting reports regarding the participation of Russian nationals in the present military actions in China, the following Note, addressed to H.E. Dr. Wellington Koo, Minister of Foreign Affairs, by the Soviet Ambassador, on September 16th, in reply to a Note of the former, may be of interest to the reader:

"MONSIEUR LE MINISTRE.—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the Memorandum of September 13th of this year, wherein your Excellency informed me that Generals Lu Yung-hsiang, Ho Feng-tin and the Mukden authorities have engaged the services as aviators of Russians, who participate in military action against the Peking Government. At the same time your Excellency informed me that whatever the military events in Chinese territory the Government is using all efforts to safeguard the life and property of foreign residents, and that in such events, so as not to take part in the troubles. Lastly, your Excellency requested that Russians in the provinces of Chekiang and Mukden should not be allowed the above-mentioned actions."

"The Ministry of Foreign Affairs does not communicate whether the said aviators are citizens of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. However, on the strength of information available at this Embassy, the aviators in question belong to the remnants of White bands which had struggled against the Soviet Government. I have had the honour more than once to call the attention of the Chinese Government to the patronage extended to Russian White Guards by Chinese authorities, but unfortunately the Chinese Government has not up till now paid serious attention to these requests, allowing the local authorities to continue their policy hostile to the Soviet Government of patronizing the Whites."

"In numerous Notes, which were addressed by the Soviet Government to the Chinese Government before and after the conclusion of the Agreement of May 31st, the Soviet Government has called the serious attention of the Chinese authorities to the danger constituted by the remnants of White bands, which made systematic onslaughts on the territory of the Union. There are many Whites who are still, as before, in Chinese Government service and who, by constituting a permanent menace, are systematically infringing the interests of the Union and its citizens in Chinese territory. Thus, but quite recently the question of Whites, arose in connection with the presence at Shanghai of three ships on which there are six hundred armed Whites. Although this question was raised long before the conflict between the Provinces of Kiangsu and Chekiang, the Chinese Government has taken no measures against the said Whites."

"Whereas, I felt anxious about such an attitude of the Chinese authorities with regard to the interests of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, I felt compelled to insist in the course of the negotiations in obtaining from the Chinese Government a perfectly clear and firm assurance in regard to the Whites. In the exchange of Notes which took place on May 31st, the Chinese Government undertook to discontinue the services of the subjects of the former Russian Empire in the Chinese Army and Police forces. Whereas, the Soviet Government insisted on this exchange of Notes, the Government bore in mind that it does not dispose in Chinese territory, as other Powers, of Concessions, armed forces, police and extra-territoriality to be able by its own means, apart from the Chinese authorities, to take measures for the protection of its interests in Chinese territory."

"Consequently, the request of the Chinese Government that steps be taken with regard to Russian aviators cannot be executed, as the Soviet Government has no special administrative rights or privileges in Chinese territory with regard even to its own citizens. The more so it is helpless to do anything against Russian aviators who are but the remnants of White bands and whom the Soviet Government does not look upon as citizens of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics."

"I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to your Excellency, Monsieur le Ministre, the assurances of my highest consideration."

(Sgd.) L. KARAKHAN.

BATTLE HONOURS.

THE EAST SURREY REGT.

18 BATTALIONS.

The War Office has been issuing the list of battle honours awarded for the Great War, those selected to be borne on colours or appointments being marked by an asterisk. The following is the list of the East Surrey Regiment:

"Mons. Le Cateau, 1914. La Bassée, 1914. Hill 60, 1915. 17, 18. Loos, 1915. Wood, Pozieres, Guillemont, Flers-Courcelette, Morval, Thiepval, La Transloy, Ancre Heights, Ancre, 1916. Arras, 1917. Vimy, 1917. Scarpe, 1917. Messines, 1917. Pilkem, Langemarck, 1917. Menin Road, Polygon Wood, Broodseinde, Passchendaele, Cambrai, 1917. St. Quentin, Bapaume, 1918. Boiseries Arras, Esplanade, Epéhy, Canal du Nord, St. Quentin Canal, Courtrai, 1918. Sambre, France and Flanders, 1914-18. Italy, 1917-18. Struma, 1914-18. Macedonia, 1915-18. Egypt, 1915. Aden, Mesopotamia, 1917-18. Murmas, 1919."

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Hongkong, 26th September, 1924. [1299]

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A REMARKABLE LAW SUIT.

AUSTRALIAN DANCER AND AN INDIAN RAJA.

An Australian woman, named Elsie Forrest, who came out to India in 1904 as a dancer in a theatrical company of which the strong man Sandow was the star, has been the principal character in a sensational suit for maintenance against the Raja of Tikari.

When she arrived in Calcutta Elsie Forrest was already married to another member of the same company, named Sitwell. She attracted the attention of the Raja of Tikari, however, and returned to Sydney, where she divorced her husband and then came back to India where she married the Raja of Tikari. Some months ago she sued the Raja for maintenance under a deed of gift which, she alleged, he had entered into.

The Judge before whom the case was tried dismissed the claim for an annuity, as the alleged deed, in her favour was not in effect a legal deed. The Judge also found that her alleged marriage with the Raja was illegal, because her conversion to Hinduism was not according to Hindu law, and also because her divorce from her husband, Sitwell, being obtained in a Sydney Court, her marriage was fraudulent without the jurisdiction of that Court. He also found her conduct after marriage such as not to obtain for her the sympathy of respectable society.

The Judge also expressed the opinion that the claim of the Raja for the recovery of the Tikari family jewels from the plaintiff was likely to succeed, as these were given for personal adornment only and not as a gift.

EUROPE'S HEALTH.

BETTER SINCE THE WAR.

From the standpoint of health and physical well-being the war has left the condition of the peoples of Western Europe better than before. This is the opinion of Dr. Woods Hutchinson, of New York, a nephew of the late Sir Jonathan Hutchinson, the London surgeon, who has just completed an extended investigation of health conditions on the Continent, after being with the Allied armies at the front from the day that the United States came into the war. The standards of life of the people in matters of hygiene and sanitation have improved by 25 per cent, he said. "The war set higher standards of living. In the armies men became accustomed to cleaner habits of life, large numbers of them got much better food than they had been used to, and they have carried tastes and habits into private life with beneficial results."

In Italy the incidence of typhoid fever has decreased considerably. Soldiers saw that army inoculation brought immunity, and they are now insisting on their wives and children being inoculated.

Both in France and in Italy the people are eating a good deal more meat than previously. The men got the taste during the war. They are also drinking more milk.

Germans have lost their gross fatness, which arose from over-eating. Their clothes are shabby and their food is often coarse, but it is not dear, and I do not think there is much suffering through lack of food.

In the matter of population the ravages of the war have been made good, excepting, perhaps, in Germany.

DRESS OF BEADS.

CASINO FASHIONS AT DEAUVILLE.

In a state of indecision the feminine part of Deauville prepared for the Grand Prix, the great event of the season and the most elegant of race meetings.

How full Deauville and Trouville are could be judged by the attendance at the Casino. Hundreds were dancing through the evening in the great hall. The theatre was full for the gala, and at midnight the gaming rooms were thronged.

Dressmakers had been to it that the dress display was worthy of August. A new note was a bow or bouquet on the left shoulder, the bow having at times long scarf ends and brilliant shades of colour.

A dazzling frock of white covered with roses and other flowers was made of beads, no material being visible. Other dresses were of the finest of chiffon crepe.

One in geranium that with a pale bow on the shoulder and another in cyclamen pink bordered with black velvet and crystal embroidery had full picture skirts. Black satin with a lustrous surface was also worn made up on the plainest of lines, but with the advantage of gold or silver balck and front without a fold or fringe.

Another new model had a series of tiny frills round the foot of the skirt in pale colours and transparent materials, and a veil of tulle round the shoulders.

MAUVE HAIR.

COLOURED SILK WIGS AT DEAUVILLE.

A correspondent of a London paper writing from Deauville says:—

Head-dresses here this season are of bewildering variety. Two women in the gaming rooms wear coloured silk wigs, one in silver and the other in mauve. A woman who has a wonderful head of snow-white hair has for the past two nights appeared wearing it slightly tinge tinted, while brilliant red and auburn heads are more noticeable this year than ever before.

The Duchess of Penaranda wears her hair cut at the back like a boy's, with soft curls carelessly arranged in front. This, crowning a complexion that can only be compared to a beautiful bronze statue, and her neck wreathed with ropes of pearls that are as large as marbles, causes much comment.

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"KASHGAR"	8,840	1st Nov.	do.
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"MANTUA"	10,902	13th Dec.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
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"KALYAN"	9,118	24th Jan.	Mars. London & Antwerp.
"MORBA"	10,911	7th Feb.	do.
"KASHMIR"	8,963	21st Feb.	do.
"MALWA"	10,941	7th Mar.	do.
"KASHGAR"	8,840	21st Mar.	do.
"MANTUA"	10,902	4th Apr.	do.
"KABMALA"	9,098	18th Apr.	do.
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"TAKADA"	8,849	13th Nov.	Moji & Kobe.
"MANTUA"	10,902	15th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"KRIVA"	8,097	29th Nov.	do.
"SOUDAN"	8,896	29th Nov.	Shanghai & Kobe.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	14th Dec.	Moji & Kobe.
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	13th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"KALYAN"	9,118	27th Dec.	do.
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"MALWA"	10,941	7th Feb.	do.
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SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KAYING"	On 30th Sept.	10 a.m.
HOIHOW & SINGAPORE	"CHINGUA"	On 2nd Oct.	10 a.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"SECHUEN"	On 2nd Oct.	10 a.m.
SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"LUCHOW"	On 4th Oct.	Noon
WAIHAIWAI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"NANNING"	On 4th Oct.	4 p.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"SOOCHOW"	On 5th Oct.	2.30 p.m.
AMOY & SHANGHAI	"SHANTUNG"	On 7th Oct.	D.L.
AMOY, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"KINGYUAN"	On 7th Oct.	Noon
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KWEIYANG"	On 7th Oct.	2.30 p.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"SUICHANG"	On 9th Oct.	2.30 p.m.
AMOY, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"TEAN"	On 13th Oct.	2.30 p.m.
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